

November 1, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Urango Mining Co.
Garfield County
ACT/017/012

ML-25282

An on-site inspection of this operation was conducted by Jim Smith on October 17, 1978. No one was present at the mine site although it was apparent that the mine was actively being worked.

The mine is located on the side of an ephemeral wash and consists of one ~~decline~~ⁱⁿ and a pad extending into the wash. Waste rock was being dumped over the edge of the pad into the wash. However, the actual drainage area was not yet being impeded for small flows. A large flash flood would probably take the entire pad. A small holding pond was constructed in the wash downstream from the pad to contain mine water discharge. Small natural flows would go around the pond, large flows would infringe upon the pond and destroy it. A short access road leads to the mine and to an area west of the mine across the wash where exploration drilling is occurring. Drilling is also taking place on the hill above the mine. The holes have not been plugged nor the area reclaimed.

Plateau Resources' Copper Creek #9 Mine is directly east of Urango on the other side of the hill. It appears that the two operations are going to intersect each other.

Vegetation is sparse consisting of shadscale, Indian ricegrass, and sagebrush on the flat and greasewood and salt cedar in the wash.

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